

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for August 3:

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- Tubers and Floaters Must Comply With Life Jacket Laws
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TUBERS AND FLOATERS MUST COMPLY WITH LIFE JACKET LAWS

Salt Lake – Utah State Parks and Recreation Boating Managers report a large increase in tubers on local rivers and want to remind these non-traditional boaters they must comply with life jacket laws. Utah State Parks Boating Rangers plan to increase their presence at local rivers to urge compliance and prevent drownings.

Inner tubes, air mattresses and all other flotation devices are considered boats when they are used to carry people down a river. Therefore, Utah law requires tubers and floaters to wear a properly-sized, approved and fastened life jacket.

Nationally, approximately 700 people drown each year from recreational boating accidents and the simple act of wearing a life jacket can drastically reduce this number. Much like a helmet to a cyclist, life jackets are an essential part of boating safety equipment and should be worn at all times.

Life jackets are no longer the orange, hot and bulky vests that are commonly associated with on-the-water safety gear. New innovations and developments in life jackets have produced smaller, sleeker, and much more comfortable versions.

For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

August 21 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Geothermal Activity: The area below Midway is riddled in natural piping, surging with warm, mineralized water. Where does this water come from and how are those domes formed? Program begins at 8:30 p.m. at the campground amphitheater. (435) 654-1791

August 24 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Full Moon Hike- Join us for a mile-long hike at sunset while the full moon is rising. Along the way, discover some animals that are rising as other animals go to sleep for

the night. Meet at the Neck, about one mile south of the visitor center at 8 p.m.
(435) 259-2614

August 25 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Nature Hike - Extreme Survival: Blazing sun, howling wind, and freezing nights;
how do plants and animals deal with the desert? Learn about extreme survival on a
guided one-mile hike. Meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. (435) 826-4466

August 28 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Evening Program- You-tah State Parks: Utah has 43 beautiful and diverse state
parks set aside for their beauty, historical value and recreational opportunities.
Learn about these amazing treasures and how they benefit you and your family.
Program begins at 8 p.m. at the campground amphitheater. (435) 654-1791

August 28 Rock Cliff Nature Center/Jordanelle State Park - Francis
Junior Ranger Program - Tracks and Scat: What do animals leave behind and how
can you tell which animal left it there? Take a walk with the park naturalist and
look for animal signs in the wetland. Rock Cliff Nature Center is located on the east
side of Jordanelle Reservoir. (435) 782-3030

August 28 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Junior Ranger Program - Out Of This World! Travel to the sun, moon and stars
through games and activities and earn a Junior Ranger badge. Meet at the visitor
center at 9:30 a.m. (435) 826-4466

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